Involvement of Pakistan in Terrorist activities in India

261. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have got new evidence of Pakistani involvement in terrorist and subversive activities in India with reference to the bomb blasts in Bombay and have brought this information to the notice of the US, UK and other Governments of the permanent members of the United Nations;

(b) whether Government have taken initiatives to bring the evidence available to the notice of other friendly countries including the SAARC nations; and

(c) whether Government propose to raise this matter in an organised manner in all international fora including the U.N. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (c) The result of inquiries clearly, indicates Pakistan's organised support and involvement in the planning and execution of the bomb blasts in Bombay.

At the international fora, Government have drawn attention to the dangers inherent in international narco-terrorism. Government have and will continue to apprise the international community of the factual position regarding Pakistan's support and involvement with terrorism directed against India. There is growing international concern at the support terrorists receive from Pakistan.

Bilateral issues discussed with Bangladesh P.M.

262. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the bilateral issues discussed by the P.M. with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh during his recent visit to Dhaka; and

(b) whether large scale infiltration of Bangladeshis into India was also discussed, and if so, whether Government have come to any arrangements for systematic repatriation of unauthorised Bangaladesh from India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) The bilateral issues discussed by the Prime Minister with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh during his recent visit to Dhaka included sharing of river waters between India and Bangladesh, demarcation of the Indo-Bangladesh land boundary and maritime boundary, repatriation of Chakma refugees to Bangladesh, cooperation in gas sector, setting up of rail links, promotion of bilateral trade etc.

(b) The issue of illegal immigration from Bangladesh was covered in the context of the mutual desire for resolution of all outstanding issues through dialogue. It was also discussed during the meeting between External Affairs Minister and the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh in Dhaka on April 8, 1993. It was agreed to continue the dialogue.

Agreement between India and Myanmar

263. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently signed agreements with Myanmar on a number of subject; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) India and Myanmar signed an agreement on mutual cooperation in controlling drug trafficking across the Indo-Myanmar border.

on March 30, 1993, in Yangon, during Foreign Secretary's visit to that country. The Agreement has been signed with a view to developing channels for exchange of intelligence and information and cooperation with the Government of Myanmar in the matter of combating illicit traffic in drugs.

Establishment of U. N. Register of Conventional Arms

264. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have endorsed the United Nations resolution for the establishment of a U.N. Register of conventional arms to enhance transparency in arms transfers and procurement;

(b) how many countries voted for the resolution and how many against it; and

(c) whether the modalities for implementation of the resolution have been worked out ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes Sir. The United Nations General Assembly at its 47th session adopted a resolution No. 47/52L titled "Transparency in armaments". India participated in the consensus.

(b) The resolution was adopted by consensus without a vote.

(c) The Office for Disarmament Affairs in the United Nations Secretariat will receive and compile for the Secretary General's annual report, data submitted by Member States, and establish a computerized database which will store the reported data.

World Telugu Conference to be held in New York

265. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a World Telugu Conference is scheduled to be held at New York during next July;

(b) if so, whether any assistance is sought from the organisers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have not sought any assistance from the organisers nor have the organisers asked for any assistance from GOI.

(c) Does not arise.

Agreement between America and Russia

266. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement was signed recently between America and Russia for a reactor building venture which could be able to burn plutonium from nuclear warheads and turn the deadly bomb fuel into electricity;

(b) whether India is in the position to fabricate plutonium; and

(c) if so, whether India propose to go for an agreement with Russia for building the reactor to solve the power problems ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government has seen the news report on the agreement signed by General Atomics (USA) and Russian Ministry of Atomic Energy to form a reactor building venture.

(b) Since 1964, India has been operating re-processing facilities to extract plutonium for use in our nuclear programme which is geared exclusively for peaceful purposes.

(c) No Sir.

Indian Co-operation for development of Central Asian Republics

267. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Iran has sought Indian cooperation in the task of economic and